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1. IN VIEW OF ABIDJAN AIR AFRIQUE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE MEETING WHICH WE UNDERSTAND CONVENED JUNE 17, WE WISH TO CALL ADDRESSEES' ATTENTION TO PARIS PRESS INTERVIEW STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT BONGO JUNE 18. INTERVIEW APPEARED HERE IN SEMI-OFFICIAL DAILY "GABON MATIN" JUNE 19 AND WE ASSUME IT ALSO AVAILABLE VIA AFP.

2. BONGO STATED "IT COMPLETELY NORMAL" FOR GABON TO HAVE NATIONAL AIRLINE AND THAT AIR AFRIQUE CANNOT PREVENT GABONESE FROM HAVING AIRCRAFT FOR THIS PURPOSE.

3. COMMENT. BONGO HAS RESTATED LONG-HELD GABONESI DESIRE TO ESTABLISH NATIONAL AIRLINE. HIS DETERMINATION PROBABLY INTENSIFIED BY RECENT NEWS OF CAMEROON AIRLINE EXPANSION.
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